GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1598
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COLLECTION OF BLOOD BY PRIVATE BLOOD BANKS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the practice of illegal collection of blood by certain private blood banks over-looking Supreme Court`s orders and the instructions of State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b)&(c) There have been isolated reports from some parts of the country about this illegal practice of collecting blood from Professional Blood Donors.The practice of Professional Blood Donation has been banned since Ist January, 1998, and since then the regulatory authority (the Central & State Drugs Control Authorities) has taken steps to curtail such practices in the country.These authorities are being further strengthened to monitor such practices and impose strict penalties.